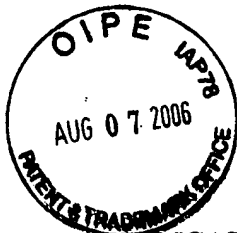


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I. **STATUS OF CLAIMS**

This is an appeal from the rejection set forth in the September 7, 2005 Office Action. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-20 and 22-30 are pending. A copy of claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-20 and 22-30 can be found in Section VIII of this Appeal Brief. Claims 3, 12, 21, and 31-33 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-20 and 22-30 stand finally rejected. Appellants appeal the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-20 and 22-30.

II. GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

A. Whether claims 1-2, 6-11, 15-18, and 28-30 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Vyncke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,926,185).

B. Whether claims 19-20 and 24-27 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Vyncke et al.

C. Whether claims 4, 13, and 22 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Vyncke et al. and Cannon (U.S. Patent No. 5,559,950).

D. Whether claims 5, 14, and 23 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Vyncke et al. and Capps et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,583,542).

III. ARGUMENT

Applicant replies to the June 20, 2006 Examiner's Answer as follows.

The Examiner's reason for rejecting all the independent claims, namely, claims 1, 10, 19, 28, 29 and 30, relies on the sentence in Vyncke that "Although the circle completely covers a triangle 212, the circle is not opaque (solid), so the triangle is not actually hidden but shows through." Column 8, lines 37-39 of Vyncke.

However, this sentence merely states that the triangle is not hidden by the circle because the circle is not opaque, and this sentence does not disclose that a new single object including the triangle and the circle is generated.

When read in context, this sentence is included in a section, in column 8, lines 28-57, explaining only a method for merely deleting hidden objects as demonstrated especially in the following:

- "FIG. 8b shows the procedure for identifying and eliminating hidden objects." Line 42.
- "[T]his procedure applied to the image shown in FIG. 8a will delete only the square." Line 57.

These sentences show that no modification other than deleting the square 208 is made.

Therefore, the rejection is based on a misreading of Vyncke and is wrong.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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